

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST USING CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM INSURANCE FOR CONTRACEPTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 53-4-1005, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 53-4-1005, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-4-1005. (Temporary) Benefits provided. (1) Benefits provided to participants in the program may include but are not limited to:

- (a) inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
- (b) physician and advanced practice registered nurse services;
- (c) laboratory and x-ray services;
- (d) well-child and well-baby services;
- (e) immunizations;
- (f) clinic services;
- (g) dental services;
- (h) prescription drugs;
- (i) mental health and substance abuse treatment services;
- (j) hearing and vision exams; and
- (k) eyeglasses.

(2) The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to its authority under 53-4-1009, allowing it to cover significant dental needs beyond those covered in the basic plan. Expenditures under this subsection may not exceed \$100,000 in state funds, plus any matched federal funds, each fiscal year.

~~(3) The department is specifically prohibited from providing payment for birth control contraceptives under this program.~~ (Terminates on occurrence of contingency--sec. 15, Ch. 571, L. 1999; sec. 3, Ch. 169, L. 2007.)"

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